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National Public Lands Day equals volunteer opportunities and Free entrance at Lava Beds National Monument

TULELAKE, California— On Saturday, September 27th, volunteers across the United States will help restore the beauty and vitality of American public lands as part of National Public Lands Day (NPLD). This year marks the 21st celebration of NPLD, and the 1st time Lava Beds will assist in this national effort by having above and below ground volunteer opportunities available.

Volunteers at Lava Beds on September 27th can participate in one to two volunteer projects. Volunteer projects include trail maintenance along the trail from the visitor center to the campground and refinishing picnic tables, or cave clean up in two of Lava Bed's most popular caves, Mushpot and Valentine. Volunteers can choose how much time and which projects they work on. Those interested in volunteering are asked to contact Volunteer Coordinator, Angela Sutton, at 530-667-8119 in advance to reserve their volunteer spot. Lunch will be provided!

"It's a great opportunity to come out, have a blast at Lava Beds, and give back to the community by volunteering some of your time. You will also learn from a ranger more about caves, lava bed's history and trails.", according to Mike Reynolds, park superintendent.

In honor of National Public Lands Day, all National Park Service sites, including Lava Beds NM, will be waiving entrance fees on Saturday, September 27. So even if you are unable to volunteer for the day, you can take this opportunity to enjoy the park at no cost.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with

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diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe. Also, visit the park's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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